

VA Bedford Healthcare System

Psychiatric / Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Residency Program

The 12-month Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Residency program provides clinical and academic experiences for new graduate psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioners transitioning into practice. The residency provides a supportive interprofessional learning environment for providing evidence-based clinical care to our nation's Veterans. Upon successful completion of the residency, a certificate of completion is awarded.

Program structure

This is a 12-month residency program starting August 28, 2023

Residency curriculum includes:

- Clinical rotations on interprofessional teams (80% of experience)
- Integrated and parallel didactics and education (20% of experience)
- Resident selected quality improvement project

Clinical rotations include:

- Primary Care Behavioral Health
- Opioid Reassessment Clinic
- Interdisciplinary Pain Program
- Behavioral addictions
- Tobacco Cessation
- Outpatient specialty mental health clinic

Supervision and training

- Regular interdisciplinary supervision, didactics, and journal clubs
- Weekly group supervision with interdisciplinary trainees
- Training in evidence-based psychotherapy with weekly consultation seminar and supervision with psychologist and psychiatrist NP
- Grand and Schwartz rounds, VA trainings, and clinical case conferences. Opportunities for specialized trainings, including women's reproductive mental health
- Opportunities for involvement in clinical research
- Weekly interprofessional education seminars with interdisciplinary trainees



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Applicant qualifications

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Be a graduate of a master's- or doctoral-level Nurse Practitioner program accredited by CCNE or the ACEN within the past 12 months
- Hold national board certification as a PMHNP through ANCC and state NP licensure within 90 days of employment
- Be serving in their first Nurse Practitioner role
- Proficient in written and spoken English
- Background and security investigation required
- Pass pre-trainee physical examination
- Random drug testing may be required

Application Requirements

- Curriculum vitae
- Official graduate school transcripts
- Personal statement: maximum of two (2) pages: what personal, professional, educational, and clinical experiences have led you to choose nursing as a profession, and the role of a mental health nurse practitioner as a specialty practice? What are your goals and aspirations for this residency program and how do they fit with your early and long-term career goals?
- Three (3) letters of recommendation (one must be from a faculty member of graduate program) emailed directly from individual writing letter to Kerri.Keeler@va.gov or in sealed envelope

Benefits

- Competitive stipend
- A comprehensive benefits package that includes, in part, paid vacation, sick leave, federal holidays, and health benefits
- Hiring preference for open positions at Veterans Health Administration following successful completion of the residency

Application Deadline: March 3, 2023

Application Submission:

Application materials may be emailed directly to kerri.keeler@va.gov. Official transcripts may be submitted via email or mailed to:

Kerri Keeler, Mental Health Clinic
Mail Stop 136G
Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital
200 Springs Road
Bedford MA 01730

Apply today!

Questions?

Please contact:

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